

**FIRST 5 PLACER COUNTY
CHILDREN'S & FAMILIES COMMISSION**

Meeting Minutes, February 19, 2004

Shiloh Center
905 Lincoln Way
Auburn, CA.

Attendees - Commissioners & Staff:

Tamara Lieberman, Chair, Commissioner & Tahoe Community Foundation
Harriet White, Commissioner & Board of Supervisors – District 3
Raymond Merz, Commissioner & Director of Placer County Health & Human Services
Dr. Richard Burton, Commissioner & Placer County Health Officer
Dr. Sandra Naylor-Goodwin, Vice Chair, Commissioner & Director for the CA Institute for Mental Health
Blanca Castro, Commissioner, Local Child Care Resources and Referral
Don Ferretti, CFC Coordinator & HHS Administration
Nancy Baggett, CFC Staff Systems Analyst, HHS Administration
Mike Romero, CFC Staff, HHS Epidemiology
Christa Darlington, CFC County Counsel
Bobbie Reagan, CFC Administration Staff, HHS Administration

Commissioners & Staff Not in Attendance:

Mindy Danovaro, Commissioner, Director of Development and Outreach, CALSTAR

Public Attendees:

Francine Nunes, PCOE Childcare Local Planning Council
Susan Fernandes, PCOE Program Manager, Tahoe
Veronica Vasquez, UCCE Nutrition Best
Kim Bradley, Community Collaborative of Tahoe/Truckee
Jill Harper, PCOE Administrator
Tom Grayson, MDIC
Tammy Gilbert, MDIC
Cheryl Cox, BFCOPC
Mary Wagner-Davis, Breastfeeding Coalition
Lori Burdick, Breastfeeding Coalition
Moe Robbins, Breastfeeding Coalition
Judy Moore, Mothers Support Group
Kelly Fulfer, Placer County Safe Kids Coalition
Paul McIntyre, KIISS
Leesa Albrecht, Music Collaborative

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Public Attendees: continued

Carol Johnson, Superior Court Family Law Facilitator

Lynne Randolph, Rogers & Assoc.

Alice Bothello, Placer County Grand Jury

Sherry Chesney, Placer County Grand Jury

Jeanette Lovejoy, PCOE

Darcy Rosenspie, PCOE

Chris Trejo, Superior Court Family Intervention

Amy Rudd, Superior Court Family Intervention

Getta Dolinsek, WPUSD-PCN

Melanie Ward, PEACE for Families

Claudia Nakata, PEACE for Families

Leslie Warren, Placer Nature Center

Linda Peterson, CAPC

Karen Owen, Child Abuse Prevention Council

Glenda Peterson, Child Abuse Prevention Council

Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 4.40 p.m.

I. Public Comment

Persons may address the Commission on items not on this agenda. Please note that although the Commission is very interested in your concerns, the California Brown Act prohibits the Commission from taking any action at this meeting on items not published on this agenda.

II. Approval of Minutes

Correction to the January 8th minutes, page 2, Public Comment, second bullet, amended to read, "... providing that minutes have been read, *and that the tape has been listened to.*"

Motion to approve the January 8th meeting minutes with the one amendment, and the January 12th 2004 meeting minutes.

Burton / Merz / Unanimous

III. Commission Action Items

1. Approval of updated draft Strategic Plan to be circulated for public comment.

Motion to approve the updated draft Strategic Plan be circulated for public comment.

Burton / White / Unanimous

Comments will be accepted through March 2, 2004 via faxes, email, or hand written. Please note the part of the plan that comments are related to and then document the comment. The comments will be collected and reviewed by the Commission and the Community Resource Committee on March 3, 2004, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Shiloh Center.

Additional Action Item Added – (in relationship to the above action item) Request the March 11, 2004 scheduled meeting be changed to March 18, 2004 starting at 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., in order to allow additional time for the collection and review of all comments to the draft Strategic Plan.

Motion to change the March 11, 2004 scheduled meeting to March 18, 2004 and begin the meeting at 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

White / Burton / Unanimous

2. Appointment of a Commissioner to serve on the Community Resource Committee (CRC).

Motion to appoint Blanca Castro to the CRC.

Merz / Burton / Unanimous

IV. Commissioner Reports

Ray Merz – Announced his retirement as Director of Health and Human Services after 36 years. He will remain on the CFC Commission board through August 2004. He has been in contact with County Counsel regarding his continued roll as a Commissioner.

Tamara Lieberman – Welcomed Blanca Castro and congratulated her on the new appointment to the CFC Commission, which was approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 10, 2004 at a regular BOS meeting. An orientation with Blanca will be scheduled to provide her with an overview of the Commission.

Blanca Castro – Blanca introduced herself and mentioned that she works in Public Affairs at the State Department of Social Services. Provided some background information on her career and personal life.

Commissioner Castro supplied information regarding the draft Communicating to Our Community Plan, and the sub-committee meeting that generated the draft plan. Clarified the connection between the State First 5 contract with Rogers & Assoc. and how their paid contract services the local commissions.

Don added the comment that the Commission should begin implementing the public relations suggestions. Commissioner Lieberman requested that this action be added to the next monthly meeting agenda in order to collect input to the plan and to proceed forward.

Dr. Sandra Naylor-Goodwin – Informed the Commission that Margaret Taylor has been appointed to the State First 5 Commission. She is the director of the San Mateo County Health Services Agency, and has a great compassion for children.

V. Advisory Committee Reports

Community Collaborative of Tahoe/Truckee – Kim Bradley

Provided an updated overview of the district community advocate and services organizations four main focus areas: Service Integration, Cultural Competency, Community Involvement and Advocacy.

Placer Collaborative Network – Getta Dolinick

The Collaborative Network is beginning to talk about the development of a Strategic Work Plan and figure out how to get the managing committee to attend these meetings so additional collaboration can be accomplished. Directors will be invited to the next meeting, along with people who attended Camp.

Childcare Local Planning Council – Francine Nunes

- West Ed has scheduled a 3 day training on Inclusion
- First 5 is hosting a training in regards to setting up programs for informal license exempt caregivers. A small group plans to attend in either Oroville or Merced.
- The Planning Council is co-hosting with multiple partners, including First 5, a workshop for parents and childcare providers called The Heart of the Family –

Simply Recipes for Family Unity, Saturday – March 20, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Parkside Church of the Nazarene in Auburn (handout provided).

- A half-day retreat was held at the end of January and with the assistance of Mike Romero data was collected and reviewed for possible use in their “needs assessment”.

VI. Coordinator Report – Don Ferretti

Grand Jury Meeting - Nancy Baggett, Mike Romeo and Don met with the Grand Jury this morning. The topics included the purpose of Prop. 10 and why the early years of a child's life are so important. Reviewed the Funding Overview from 2001-2004, explained what is a Outcome and what is not a Outcome, and the process in identifying Outcomes and data to measure them, including the difficulties inherent in the process. The MOU between the Commission and Placer County Health and Human Services was discussed, which they complimented us on our favorable administrative costs to do all this work. Outcome Faires and the purpose for having them was also talked about, and it was noted that three people from the Grand Jury had attended a faire. They in turn complemented us on our enthusiasm, which was wonderful feedback.

Pilots to Policy Conference (CWS Re-design) - Elizabeth Shore was a guest speaker on the last day of the conference. She had previously spoken in California at the Prop. 10 Pre-School – School Readiness conference. She correlated the goals of School Readiness with the goals and objectives of the re-design. The State re-design needs to embrace the School Readiness and all the things that are happening with child development because it gives them another reason to do what they are already doing, nothing new has to be created. The connection between the re-design and the community is that First 5 can bring the early childhood development message to all. Our School readiness program in Kings Beach would be a natural connector but the First 5 value is really bringing the child development message in the same arena as the CWS Re-design.

A community Event Calendar has been added to the front page of our web site (www.placer.ca.gov/cfc), which will note dates and times for CRC, CFC and Learning Conversation meetings. Please contact Bobbie with any events, which are connected to First 5 that could be added to the event calendar. Don extended an invitation to everyone requesting that they are welcome to attend the Learning Conversations since it always makes for a better conversation when there are other people in attendance besides the particular organization that is meeting.

Prior to adjourning the CFC meeting, Commissioner Merz announced that Commissioner Burton will be the new Director of Health and Human Services.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.